

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS  
DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W 3789(I)

TO: The Honorable Eric Clark  
Secretary of State  
Post Office Box 136  
Jackson, MS 39205  
AND  
ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in New Albany, Mississippi on April 12, 2007, under authority of Section 25-43-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2007-08 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

2007-2008 Regulations for  
Theodore A. Mars, Jr. Memorial Wildlife Refuge  
Pearl River County

SPECIES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	COMMENTS
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS, ANTLERLESS DEER REGULATIONS, DEER WEIGHT LIMIT, and DOG RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
Youth Gun	Nov. 10	Dec. 30	Saturday and Sunday by permit only. See SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 8	May 1	Saturday and Sunday by permit only. See SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Oct. 20	Oct. 26	
SQUIRREL	Oct. 27	Feb. 28	
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28	
RABBIT	Oct. 13	Feb. 28	

NO OTHER SEASON shall be open and no other animals shall be hunted or disturbed.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THEODORE A. MARS, JR. MEMORIAL WILDLIFE REFUGE  
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**WMA USER PERMIT:** All persons using this wildlife management area, except those exempt from purchasing an annual hunting or fishing license, must carry on their person an annual statewide Wildlife Management Area User Permit. This permit is required in addition to the daily visitor use permit and any required license.

**BAG LIMITS:** Deer - One legal antlered buck and one antlerless deer per youth hunter.  
Turkey - One gobbler per youth hunter.  
Other bag limits same as statewide.

**PERMIT STATIONS:** All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card from a self-service permit station. Parts A and B of this permit must be legibly filled out before using the WMA. Part A of the permit must be deposited in the return box at a permit station before using the WMA. Part B must be kept on the dash of the vehicle while on the WMA. Permits are invalid if not properly dated or if date has been changed. Before leaving the WMA, visitors must complete the reverse side of Part B of the permit and deposit it in the return box at a permit station. It is the responsibility of the Area Manager and other Agency personnel to have permit cards completed.

**DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the check station before leaving the WMA. If WMA personnel are not available to check the deer, the hunter is responsible for collecting and legibly recording ALL biological data. Instructions and equipment will be provided.

**LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with hardened antlers visible above the natural hairline.

**ANTLERLESS DEER REGULATIONS:** This WMA is NOT open to antlerless deer hunting during statewide either-sex gun days (Dec. 15-16).

**DEER WEIGHT LIMIT:** All antlerless deer must weigh a minimum of 65 pounds live weight to be legal for harvest. Any harvested antlerless deer less than 65 pounds live weight is an illegal deer.

**DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hunting, running, or pursuing hogs with the use of dogs is prohibited.

**YOUTH DEER HUNTING PERMITS:** Youth deer hunting on Saturday and Sunday from Nov. 10-Dec. 30 will be allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com), or to receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to **Theodore A. Mars, Jr. Memorial Wildlife Refuge Youth Deer Hunt**, 304 South Second Street, Brookhaven, MS 39601. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Completed applications must be received by Sep. 15, 2007 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail.

**YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING PERMITS:** Youth turkey hunting on Saturday and Sunday from March 8-May 1 will be allowed by special permit only. You may apply online at [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com), or to receive an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, letter size envelope to **Theodore A. Mars, Jr. Memorial Wildlife Refuge Youth Deer Hunt**, 304 South Second Street, Brookhaven, MS 39601. Only one application per hunter will be accepted. Completed applications must be received by Feb. 15, 2008 to be eligible for drawing. Hunters who are selected will be notified by mail.

**LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs or buckshot, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Legal weapons for small game hunting during daylight hours are shotguns using #2 shot or smaller, rifles or handguns no larger than .22 rimfire magnum, muzzleloading rifles of .40 caliber or smaller, and archery equipment using arrows with points other than broadheads. When hunting with a handgun, no other gun may be in possession. Only archery equipment and shotguns with #2 shot or smaller may be used for turkey hunting.

**OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are allowed for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. No loaded weapon may be in possession when retrieving harvested game.

**HORSES:** No horses allowed.

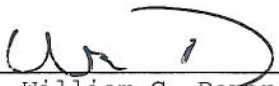
**CAMPING:** No camping allowed.

**BEARS:** Black bears may occur on this WMA. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

Anyone wishing to comment on the above proposed action may do so in writing to the Executive Director, Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, P. O. Box 451, Jackson, MS 39205, no later than May 14, 2007.


MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

  
William C. Deviney, Chairman

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